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ARIZONA CORPOL

DATE:

October 16, 1998

DOCKET NO.:

T-03560A-98-0250

TO ALL PARTIES:

Enclosed please find the recommendation of Hearing Officer Jane L. Rodda. The recommendation has been filed in the form of an Order on:

COMCAST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. (CC&N/RESELLER)

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-110(B), you may file exceptions to the recommendation of the Hearing Officer by filing an original and ten (10) copies of the exceptions with the Commission's Docket Control at the address listed below by <u>4:00</u> p.m. on or before:

OCTOBER 26, 1998

The enclosed is <u>NOT</u> an order of the Commission, but a recommendation of the Hearing Officer to the Commissioners. Consideration of this matter has <u>tentatively</u> been scheduled for the Commission's Working Session and Open Meeting to be held on:

OCTOBER 27, 1998 AND OCTOBER 28, 1998

For more information, you may contact Docket Control at (602) 542-3477 or the Hearing Division at (602) 542-4250.

JACK ROSE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 2 JIM IRVIN **COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN** 3 RENZ D. JENNINGS **COMMISSIONER** 4 CARL J. KUNASEK **COMMISSIONER** 5 6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. T-03560A-98-0250 COMCAST TELECOMMUNICATIONS. INC. 7 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE DECISION NO. AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE 8 INTERLATA/INTRALATA RESOLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES EXCEPT LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES. **ORDER** 10 Open Meeting 11 October 27 and 28, 1998 Phoenix, Arizona 12 BY THE COMMISSION: 13 Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Arizona 14 Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that: 15 **FINDINGS OF FACT** 16 On May 13, 1998, Comcast Telecommunications, Inc. ("Applicant") filed with the 1. 17 Commission an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") to provide 18 resold telecommunications service in the State of Arizona. 19 20 In Decision No. 58926 (December 22, 1994), the Commission found that resold 2. 21 telecommunications providers ("resellers") were public service corporations subject to the jurisdiction 22 of the Commission. 23 In Decision No. 59124 (June 23, 1995), the Commission adopted A.A.C. R14-2-1101 3. 24 through R14-2-1115 to regulate resellers. 25 Applicant is a Pennsylvania corporation that has been qualified to do business in Arizona 26 since 1998. 27 Applicant is a switchless reseller which currently purchases telecommunications services 28 5.

from Worldcom.

- 6. On August 11, 1998, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed a Staff Report.
- 7. The Staff Report stated that Applicant provided audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1997, that indicated Applicant had a net loss of \$229 million and a net worth of \$1.6 billion. Applicant is a publicly traded company. Staff believed that Applicant had sufficient financial resources to conduct its business in Arizona.
- 8. The Staff Report stated that Applicant has no market power and the reasonableness of its rates would be evaluated in a market with numerous competitors.
 - 9. Staff recommended that:
 - (a) Applicant's application for a Certificate should be approved subject to A.A.C. R14-2-1106.B;
 - (b) Applicant's intrastate toll service offerings should be classified as competitive pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1108;
 - (c) Applicant's competitive services should be priced at the effective rates set forth in Applicant's tariffs and the maximum rates for these services should be the maximum rates proposed by Applicant in its tariffs. The minimum rates for Applicant's competitive services should be Applicant's long run incremental costs of providing those services as set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1109. Any future changes to the maximum rates in Applicant's tariffs must comply with A.A.C. R14-2-1110;
 - (d) Applicant should be required to comply with the Commission's rules and modify its tariffs to conform with these rules, if it is determined that there is a conflict between Applicant's tariffs and the Commission's rules; and
 - (e) The application may be approved without a hearing.
- 10. By Procedural Order dated August 27, 1998, the Commission set a deadline of October 9, 1998, for filing exceptions to the Staff Report; requesting that a hearing be set; or requesting intervention as interested parties.
- 11. No exceptions were filed to the Staff Report, nor did any party request that a hearing be set, nor were any requests for intervention filed with Docket Control.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Applicant is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281 and 40-282.

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1	2.	The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and the subject matter of the		
2	application			
3	3.	Notice of the application was given in accordance with the law.		
4	4.	The provision of competitive interLATA/intraLATA reseller services in Arizona by		
5	Applicant is in the public interest.			
6	5.	Applicant is a fit and proper entity to receive a Certificate for providing competitive		
7	interLATA/intraLATA reseller services in Arizona.			
8	6.	Staff's recommendations in Findings of Fact No. 9 are reasonable and should be		
9	adopted.	ODDED		
10	<u>ORDER</u>			
11	. IT I	S THEREFORE ORDERED that the application of Comcast Telecommunications, Inc.		
12	for a Cer	tificate of Convenience and Necessity for authority to provide competitive		
13 14	interLATA	/intraLATA resold telecommunications services except local exchange services shall be,		
15	and the san	ne is, hereby granted.		
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1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that of Comcast Telecommunications, shall comply with the				
2	Staff recommendations set forth in Findings of Fact No. 9.				
3	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.				
4	BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.				
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7	COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN	COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER			
8	·	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive			
9		Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the			
10		Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this day of, 1998.			
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13		JACK ROSE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY			
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